(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the present status thereof; and

(e) by when the said Power Project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) In a meeting taken by the then Union Minister of Power, to review the capacity addition and Power Sector Reforms for the State of Maharashtra on 2nd July, 2003, a decision was taken to prepare a Feasibility Report within six months in respect of a power project of 1000 M W to be located at Mauda, District Nagpur in Maharashtra. Accordingly, Works for various site specific studies such as Topographical Survey, Geo-Technical Investigation, Seismic Study, Environmental Impact Assessment Study and Make-Up Water Study etc., for the project have been taken up by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to examine the Techno-Economic viability of the project. So far, approximately Rs. 21 lakhs have been spent on various site specific studies as mentioned above. However, the finalisation of the Feasibility Report is linked to tie-up of key inputs like water, coal etc.

In this regard, Government of Maharashtra was to complete/implement Gosikhurd Irrigation Project/Dam to provide water for the power project and was to indicate a firm schedule for water supply to the project. The confirmation of timeframe for assured water supply is still awaited from Government of Maharashtra. As regards coal supply, Ministry of Power/ NTPC had requested Ministry of Coal for coal tie-up from nearby coalfields of Western Coalfields Ltd. However, coal linkage for the project has been accorded from lb Valley Coalfields, which are located approximately 600 kms. away from the project, thereby affecting, the project viability.

Action for setting up of the project, including timeframe, will depend upon,the establishment of Techno-Economic viability of the project and availability of requisite inputs/clearances.

Providing power at a low price to States

†2433. SHRI BALAVANT *Alias* BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government provides power to the States at a low price;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Centre has reduced the share of power being given to various States;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in spite of request repeatedly made by these States they are not being given full quota of their share;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor alongwith State-wise details thereof; and

(f) what is the extent of additional financial burden on the States caused by this?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) set up regional power plants which produce power for supply to States/UTs at tariffs determined by CERC. The average cost of energy to State Electricity Boards/State Power Utilities for 2003-04 in respect of power plants of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) are given below:

NTPC	—	147paise/kwh
NHPC	—	149.98 paise/kwh

Region-wise list of regional central sector power plants is given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below). The allocation from these Central Sector Power Plants to the willing States/UTs is made by the Central Government before the commissioning of these power plants irrespective of their tariff.

(c) to (f) 85% capacity from Central Power Plants is generally allocated to the constituent States before the commissioning of the power station. Shares allocated once are generally not changed unless surrendered by the State or the State is not able to pay requisite dues to the concerned Central Public Sector undertaking. The remaining 15% capacity is also allocated to the States within the region by the Central Government for meeting the emergent requirements of the ~~States~~ from time to time.

The availability of power from Central Generating Stations (CGSs), however, depend on the generation level of each power plant on day-to-day basis and requisition given by the States from the allocated power from CGSs.

The requests for additional allocation from 15% unallocated power of the region received from the States/UTs from time to time are considered keeping in view relative power supply position of the States, generation

resources available with the States as well as their payment capacity. As the availability of power against the unallocated quota is very limited, it is not possible to accommodate all the requests received for additional assistance from Central unallocated pool.

Statement

Region-wise regional central sector station

Station	Installed Capacity (MW)	Beneficiary States/UTs
	Northern Region	
Smgrauli STPS	2000	Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal
Rehand STPS	1000	Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab,
Unchahar-l TPS	420	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal
Unchahar-IITPS	420	
Dadri NCTPS	840	
Dadri NCGPS	830	
Anta GPS	419	
Auraiya GPS	663	
NaroraAPS	440	
Salal HPS	690	
Chamera HPS-I	540	
Chamera HPS-II	300	
Tanakpur HPS	94	
Bairasiul HPS	180	
Uri HPS	480	
Nathpa Jhakri HPS	1500	
Rajasthan APS Unit 3&4	440	
	Southern Region	
Ramagundam STPS	2100	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil
Madras APS (N)	340	Nadu, Pondichcry.
KaigaAPS(N)	440	
Neyvelli-IITPSSt-l	630	
Neyveli-ll TPS St-ll	840	
Neyveli-I TPS exp.	420	
TalcherSt II STPS*	1500	
Kayamkulam CCPP	360	

*located in Eastern Region.

Station	Installed Capacity (MW)	Beneficiary States/UTs
Korba STPS	2100	Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, Dadra &
Vindhyachal STPS-I	1260	Nagar Haveli.
Vindhyachal STPS-II	1000	
Kawas GPS	656	
KakraparAPS	440	
Tarapur APS	320	
Gandhar GPS	657	
	Eastern Region	
Farakka STPS	1600	Bihar, Jharkhand, DVC, Orissa, West Bengal, Sikkim
Kahalgaon TPS	840	
Talcher STPS	1000	
Rangit HPS	60	
Chukha HPS (Bhutan)	270	
Kurichu HPS (Bhutan)	60	
	North Eastern Region	
Loktak HPS	105	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura
Khandong HPS	50	
Kopili Extn. HPS	200	
Kathalguri GPS	291	
Agartala GPS	84	
Doyang HPS	75	
Ranganadi HPS	405	

STPS - Super Thermal Power Station
TPS - Thermal Power Station
APS - Atomic Power Station
HPS - Hydro Power Station

Advance to contractor by NEEPCO

2434. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that contractors are getting considerable interest free advance from North-East Electrical Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for executing hydel power project, causing considerable revenue loss;

(b) if so, the details of such contractors along with advance amount separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NEEPCO is taking money from the Government of India with interest; and